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Excitement Heightens As Two New Floors Open

Mrs. Mildred Currie, RN and head nurse on Central eleven, looks from her office into the nurses station where Mrs. Kathy Wyman, RN, is answering the telephone and Mrs. Kathy Rafferty, RN, is helping Dr. David Sundwall, internal medicine resident, chart a patient's condition.

When you visit Central ten or eleven, you will find a modern, cheerful atmosphere. Although the excitement of working in the new facility may wear off in time, good patient care, for which the Deaconess is known, will remain.

Central eleven opened on January 4-6 and Central ten on January 19-22. The scheduled dates for opening Central nine are February 2-4. Each floor in the new addition is opening over a three to four-day period to enable the efficient admission or transfer of patients. The gradual opening also allows the staff to give ample attention to each patient as he arrives on the floor.

Since it was the first floor of the new addition to open, Central eleven probably drew more attention than any of the other new floors. When the first new admission to Central eleven stepped from the elevator on January 4, his escort from the patient service department was more anxious than he to see his new quarters.

They walked into a unit bustling with excitement: work teams were completing last minute chores; wiring electrical outlets, bleeding oxygen and suction lines, installing corridor telephones and cleaning the carpets. While pharmacy personnel delivered additional medications to the floor, nurses continued memorizing room and supply locations and learning about new equipment. In the room across from the nurses station, construction workers continued to install equipment in the modern nourishment station.

Along with the subsequent admissions to Central eleven came transfer patients from other hospital floors. Patients on Central 3 received transfer preference since that floor was scheduled to close on January 21. Central 3 is scheduled for renovations that will make it a 36-bed medical-surgical nursing unit.

Amidst the organized confusion of last minute preparations, visitors kept arriving to see the new floor. They were happy with what they saw — everyone was smiling and exclamations of admiration and surprise resounded from the entire unit.

Security officers were available on January 4 and 19 to help control the flow of visitors to the newly opened eleventh and tenth floors. According to Mr. Francis Tenore, chief security officer, "The presence of a security officer was an additional effort toward expediting the opening of the floors. Nurses had patients who needed care and workmen had jobs to complete. Too many visitors, being naturally curious about the floors and their facilities, would have inhibited the completion of tasks."

Except for the eleventh floor, all levels of the Central addition are scheduled to open at full capacity. Floors seven through ten have a maximum capacity of 40 and the sixth floor, an intensive care unit, is designed for 35 patients. The eleventh floor opened as a private-room unit with 23 patients. If necessary in the future, it can be converted to accommodate 40 patients.

New Floors Have Latest Equipment

Stepping from the elevators onto the new floors, the first things to impress you are its bright and spacious qualities. Overhead lighting lends a daylight atmosphere while large picture windows allow natural light to enter the unit. Located at the end of each corridor and in every room having an outside wall, the windows have venetian blinds sandwiched between two layers of glass. Each window can be rotated 180 degrees to facilitate a complete washing from inside the building. Due to the sandwich effect, the louvres on the blinds will not collect dirt.

Wall-to-wall carpeting in all of the hallways, patient rooms and conference areas catch the eye almost as quickly as the brightness of the units. The autumn-colored carpeting helps reduce noise in the corridors.

A centralized and enlarged nurses station provides several specialized task areas: a reception desk and counter, a doctor's office, a charge nurse's office enclosed on two sides with glass, a large medication room and a modern charting area. The station is located at the junction of the unit's four corridors. Across the hall from the nurses station is a nurses lounge and locker room.

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1970 Campaign For United Fund Is A Success

An overwhelming response from the employees and medical staff of the Deaconess resulted in a major increase of combined contributions to the 1970 United Fund. A record amount of money was either donated or pledged during this year's campaign.

So far, 548 staff members and employees have given $10,637. This is a 59% increase over the $7,500 contributed by about 500 individuals in 1969.

Dr. Charles A. Graham, associate staff member in internal medicine, and Mr. Maurice Fremont-Smith, development director, acted as co-chairmen of the 1970 United Fund Campaign. They extend their thanks to all volunteers, contributors and department heads for their cooperation and support in making this year's campaign a success.

Three NEDH Employees Qualify For Certification

Three members of the department of surgical services are among the first in the country to pass national certifying examinations in their respective fields. Miss Diane Gulczynski is now a certified operating room technician and Mrs. Janice McGonagle and Mr. Gilman Lane are certified respiratory therapy technicians.

Last fall was the first time that either certifying examination was given in the United States. The Association of Operating Room Nurses, Inc. and the Association of Operating Room Technicians, Inc. jointly sponsored the test taken by operating room technicians. The American Association of Inhalation Therapy Technicians gave the examination to respiratory therapy technicians.

Since the newly certified surgical services employees studied their respective fields at the Deaconess, the quality of the NEDH training programs is favorably reflected by these tests. The three technicians have worked at NEDH for at least two years after graduating from their specialized training programs.

Miss Margaret A. Burns, associate director of surgical services, shows one of three recently earned certificates to: (l. to r.) Miss Diane Gulczynski, operating room technician; and respiratory therapy technicians, Mr. Gilman Lane and Mrs. Janice McGonagle.

PROFILE: Mrs. Eve Schandelmayer

"What a terrific sense of humor!" is a typical comment that might be overheard about Mrs. Eve Schandelmayer, "Man Friday" in the maintenance and engineering department. She has a bubbling personality that gives you the distinct impresson that she enjoys the life she has created for herself.

Mrs. Schandelmayer first came to the Deaconess in 1938 after reading an advertisement in the newspaper. When she came for an interview, she went directly to Mrs. Carolyn A. M. Keatley, head of the housekeeping department. "At that time there wasn't a personnel department, so the department heads hired their own help," explains Mrs. Schandelmayer.

During a reflective moment, she laughs about her first supervisor at NEDH. "Mrs. Keatley was quite a corker!" she exclaims. "One day we were chatting and I just happened to mention that I had never received a delivered-singing telegram. The subject was dropped and I didn't think about it again.

"Well, on the day of my birthday, two or three months later, I was sitting at my desk when all of a sudden this string-haired, old man walked into the office and starting singing 'Happy Birthday' to me in a cracked voice. When he finished the tune, I felt that he truly deserved a tip. After he left, I turned to Mrs. Keatley and she dryly commented, 'Don't ever say that you never received a delivered-singing telegram!' "

Mrs. Schandelmayer experiences the office malady of having her in-basket overflow. It is especially ironic for her because she explains that her reason for leaving B. F. Goodrich Co. in 1938 was to get away from desk work. Lots of luck! Between her telephone ringing and maintenance people running to her for assignments, Mrs. Schandelmayer watches the paper work pile high. She gets it all done but it certainly keeps her moving!

After landing in housekeeping at NEDH, her first responsibilities included: supervising the people at 229 Kent Street, Palmer, Baker and Harris Hall; doing a job-cost analysis for the housekeeping employees; and cataloguing every piece of furniture in the hospital. The cataloguing job was done only on Sundays and took Mrs. Schandelmayer over a year to do. She averaged one free Sunday each month.

At the time that Mrs. Schandelmayer began working at NEDH, housekeeping was responsible not only for its current group of employees, but also for: messenger service, grounds and information desk people and elevator operators. "Employees in housekeeping even washed the walls then," she explains.

"One day, our office received a telephone call from the nurses living at 229 Kent Street. At that time a caretaker lived in the basement of 229 and for several nights the nurses had heard strange rattling noises from his room in the basement. We investigated and discovered that the rattling was actually a table violently rocking while the caretaker and a friend were using a ouiji board. The situation was quickly remedied!" exclaims Mrs. Schandelmayer.

Asked to sum up what life used to be like in the forties at NEDH, Mrs. Schandelmayer explains. "It was diverting. Let me tell you another story: A man in housekeeping was afraid of heights. One day he was hanging draperies and wasn't more than two feet from the floor. All of a sudden he looked down and completely froze. After receiving an emergency call, I ran over to where he was working and freed him — one finger at a time — from the drapery rod!"

Mrs. Schandelmayer resigned as head housekeeper in 1948 and went to live in Manchester, N. H. Two years later, when her husband died, Mrs. Schandelmayer decided to go to Cape Cod and sell antiques.

"I had collected a lot of antiques as had a friend of mine. We were already on Cape Cod when I received a call from Mr. Donald Sabine, head of maintenance. He was reorganizing the department and wanted me to come back and work for him. I told him to come talk to me.

"My friend and I were painting the inside of a house that we planned to use as our store when Mr. Sabine first came to talk with me. When he walked into the house, I had a paint brush in one hand and a bottle of soda in the other. He came down at least once more before I decided to return to the Deaconess," explains Mrs. Schandelmayer.

She returned to NEDH in 1951 as Mr. Sabine's executive secretary. With new responsibilities continuing to flow her way, Mrs. Schandelmayer is presently involved with: inventory, budget work, payroll for the maintenance and engineering department and purchase orders. She also sets up reports used by auditors.

Born in Allston, Mrs. Schandelmayer recalls when the land around the junction of Commonwealth and Brighton Ave. was all farmland. *Temporarily interrupted by a man from the department, Mrs. Schandelmayer's thoughts turn to business: "You'd better go to Deaconess* 2. *A sink is overflowing up there!" she exclaims. After a quick nod, he hurries from her office to correct the problem.*

Mrs. Schandelmayer recalls the day she met her husband who was also from the Boston area, "His sister was my girlfriend and I went with her family to meet him the night he came home from the Orient. He'd been there for 13 years as a researcher for the Dutch East India Company."

Asked if she started dating him right away, Mrs. Schandelmayer replies, "No, we didn't date for quite a long time. I was having a whale of a time for myself." The couple married in 1939.

Included in Mrs. Schandelmayer's list of travels are: California, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Illinois. She went to Evanston, Illinois, to visit her aunt and uncle for a couple of months. Time passed quickly and she ended up living with them for four years. While there she studied English and music at Northwestern University.

"I was the leading alto in Northwestern's Glee Club. We broadcasted from station WGN in the Drake Hotel out there," explains Mrs. Schandelmayer.

Interested in many activities, Mrs. Schandelmayer tends to become very involved in her hobbies. For instance she loves to knit and to sew. As a result, she makes all of her clothes; including coats and suits. She also enjoys cooking and, as a gourmet, surprises her friends and family with many exotic dishes. Crossword puzzles are a challenge and Mrs. Schandelmayer rarely lets one rest until it is completed.

An avid symphony and theater fan, Mrs. Schandelmayer saw every show that came to Boston for a period of 20 years. It makes little difference to her if it is serious theater or comedy — as long as it is done well.

Since she has worked at the Deaconess for 30 years, Mrs. Schandelmayer's opinion of the hospital may be classified as subjective. Referring to NEDH, she explains, "Some people claim that they have given their best years to the hospital. I think the Deaconess has given me more than I could ever give it!"

Mrs. Eve Schandelmayer

Thailand Couple United In Deaconess Chapel

A small, intimate wedding ceremony took place in the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel on December 12, 1970. At the 10 a.m. service, Chaplain Ralph Curtis united Dr. Thep Himathongkham, first-year resident in internal medicine, and Miss Jatrapa Kantabutra in marriage.

Natives of Bangkok, Thailand, the bride and groom met three years ago while studying at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Himathongkham has been in the United States for ten years and his wife for eight years. Mrs. Himathongkham is currently working on her master's degree in actuarial sciences at Northeastern University.

Miss Kantabutra's brother, Burin, stood up for the groom and Dr. Himathongkham's sister, Thida, was the bridesmaid. Both attendants are studying in the United States.

Dr. Himathongkham was recently accepted at NEDH as a second-year resident. When he completes his residency requirements, the couple plans to return to Thailand.

Chaplain Ralph Curtis congratulates Dr. and Mrs. Thep Himathongkham after their marriage in the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel, December 12.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

NONFICTION

Enid Bagnold's Autobiography
Enid Bagnold. The English playwrite recounts her life and love affairs.

House Arrest
Helen Vlachos. The author's fight against censorship of the press in Greece.

The Origins of Form in Art
Herbert Read. Postulates a social theory of art.

Bed Riddance
Ogden Nash. A collection of humorous poems.

In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark
Gerald S. Snyder. Recreates the journey that opened up the American West.

FICTION

Islands in the Stream
Ernest Hemingway. Autobiographical story of an artist living in the Caribbean.

Lost Island
Phyllis A. Whitney. Romantic suspense.

The Young Clementina
D. E. Stevenson. English romance.

Santa Has Many Helpers At The NEDH Christmas Party

Spirits were very high at the Deaconess Christmas party. However, this was not due to the egg nog and punch which were strictly non-alcoholic!

Santa Claus, alias Mr. Roger Peterson, manager of the laundry, acted his jovial self; teasing ladies, greeting the men and taking employee's children for rides on his modern sleigh. He encouraged young-at-heart employees to drive his cheerfully decorated, bell-ringing, siren-singing musical wagon.

Many people helped Santa make the NEDH Christmas party a happy event. Two elves: Miss Valerie Dyer, public relations secretary, and Miss Dianne Gorveatt, unit secretary on Palmer 4, distributed goodies from Santa's burlap bags. Department heads took turns serving the refreshments prepared by the dietary department. Mr. Joseph Ippolito, purchasing manager; Mr. Thomas Porter, assistant director of administrative services; and Mr. Jerry Foley, shipping; helped distribute boxes of candy to the employees. A local trio provided toe-tapping music to help keep the party lively.

Santa Claus greets Dr. Shields Warren, founder and former scientific director of CRI, at the employee's Christmas party.

Refreshments were served to employees by department heads at the hospital's December 22 party. Taking turns at the enjoyable task are: (l. to r.) Chaplain Ralph Curtis, Mr. Francis Tenore, chief security officer; Mr. Charles Schraub, chief pharmacist; Mr. Richard Lee, director of NEDH; Mr. Evans F. Houghton, public relations director; Mr. Neil Keating, head of maintenance and engineering; Mr. Peter Campisano, administrative assistant; Miss Marjorie LeBeau, director of administrative services; Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing; and Miss Ellen Adams, assistant director of the hospital.

Mr. Joseph Ippolito, purchasing manager, gives a box of candy to Mr. Oscar Hutchinson, doorman, at the Christmas party.

Children of NEDH employees visit with Santa Claus and one of his helpers, Miss Valerie Dyer, public relations secretary.

Mrs. Robina Graves, supervisor of the hospital teaching unit nurses, offers refreshments to a Joslin patient at the clinic's December 23 Christmas party.

Many Events Precede Hospital Christmas Party . . .

At the Christmas bazaar, Mrs. Lauriston Ward Jr., president of the Friends of the Deaconess, shows some Christmas tags to Miss Heather Losee, RN, on Baker 5. The bazaar, held December 4 in Central lobby, earned over $2,200 for the NEDH School of Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The big event of the NEDH holiday celebration may have been the gala party on the afternoon of December 22, but it was just one of the highlights of the Deaconess' Christmas. On December 4, the holiday season was introduced by the day-long annual bazaar sponsored by the Friends of the Deaconess. A week later, on December 9, the NEDH School of Nursing Glee Club performed in the Joslin Auditorium. The 8 p.m. event was well-attended by hospital employees, friends and relatives of the students.

The Friends of the Deaconess held their traditional open house on Sunday, December 13, for hospital visitors and employees. Coffee, tea, cookies and other goodies were available to all of those passing through Central lobby.

Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing, acted as hostess at her annual director's tea on December 14 in Harris Hall. She made most of the attractive decorations including a unique pear centerpiece. The home-made food added a special flair to the festive afternoon.

Caroling and Christmas still go hand-in-hand at NEDH. Led by Chaplain Charles Kessler, over 30 employees sang carols in Central lobby and on patient floors, December 23. They were accompanied by: two violinists — Miss Ruth Sullivan, librarian; and Mr. Sam Morotta, barber; a flutist — Mrs. Marjorie Hildebrand, social service department; and an organist — Mrs. Marie Galloway, laboratory technician in hematology.

Also occurring during the afternoon of December 23 was a party for patients in Joslin's Hospital Teaching Unit. The wife of one of the patients, Mrs. Julius E. Rosengard, gave the party in the teaching unit's cafeteria.

A member of the medical staff and his daughter celebrated Christmas day in a very special way. They visited and presented each of the doctor's patients with a carnation. Staff members, who were working on the floors assigned to his patients, were also surprised with a long-stemmed flower.

Holiday celebrations concluded at NEDH after an excellent Christmas dinner was enjoyed by 581 hospital people. Included in this group were: 213 employees, 51 employees guests, 287 patients and 30 patient guests. The traditional turkey dinner was served at the feast.

Doctors' Wives Sponsor Food Table

Every year the Friends of the Deaconess sponsor a holiday bazaar to raise money for the NEDH School of Nursing Scholarship Fund. The food table is operated annually by the wives of NEDH doctors.

At the December 4 Christmas bazaar, Mrs. Morris J. Nicholson, wife of Dr. Nicholson, anesthesia, was chairman of the food table. In an expression of praise, she asked **Pulse** to relay this message:

"My most sincere thanks to each of you who helped make the bazaar's food table such a success — the ladies who made the interesting and attractive food, the husbands who brought their wife's contributions to the hospital and those who gave financial donations. I wish it was possible to thank you all personally."

The NEDH School of Nursing Glee Club unites in song at their Christmas concert, December 9 in Joslin Auditorium. Mr. John J. Markarian, Jr. conducts the students.

Serving coffee at the Friends of the Deaconess Christmas open house, December 13, is Mrs. Shields Warren, treasurer of the Friends. Mrs. George Rohrbough, member of the Friends Board of Directors, offers doughnut holes to: (l. to r.) Dr. Antoine Saad, second-year resident in internal medicine at Lahey Clinic; Mrs. Saad; Dr. Shields Warren, founder and former scientific director of CRI; Miss M. Tabbol, visitor; and Dr. F. Hajal, psychiatrist at Boston City Hospital.

Miss Ruth Sullivan, librarian, and Mrs. Sam Morotta, barber, accompany the Deaconess carolers on their violins while Chaplain Charles Kessler conducts the group.

Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing, converses with Miss Midge Pond, coordinator of nursing practice, at Miss Howland's annual director's Christmas tea in Harris Hall. Miss Margaret Putney, instructor in nursing-science area, prepares a cup of coffee at the December 14th event.

Two New Floors Open . . .

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On floors seven through eleven, there is a tub room with an entry way large enough to accommodate a wheelchair. There is enough space around the tub to allow an attendant to assist the patient. Each unit also contains a large general storage room that can be used for items, such as: stretchers, wheelchairs or extra large pieces of luggage belonging to patients.

A solarium, equipped with chairs, tables and a color-television set, has been provided on floors seven through eleven for patient and visitor use. Adjacent to the solarium is a class or conference room. If anyone in the hospital wants to use the room for a conference or meeting, they may reserve it by contacting the department of administrative services.

Nourishment units on floors seven through ten are identical and have an adjacent office space. They have a food-tray holding unit to keep food hot for patients who aren't on the floor at mealtime and are also equipped with an icemaker, a hot and cold water sink, a hot plate, refrigerator and storage space. The nourishment unit on the eleventh floor contains a freezer, microwave oven and its own dishwashing facilities.

The corner room on floors seven through eleven in the north wing was built so that, if requested, it can be connected with the adjacent room. The two-room suite can be used for a private nurse or sitting room. The bed in the adjoining room can be exchanged for a hide-away sofa.

Every floor is equipped with safety features such as an automatic sprinkler system and magnetically secured fire doors for each wing. The doors automatically close if smoke, gas or fire are detected by its sensitized warning system.

Patient Rooms Built for Comfort and Care

Each patient room is equipped with modern furniture and accessories to increase the comfort of the individual and help him receive efficient medical care. The rooms have built-in wardrobes instead of the free-standing locker unit and a two-way nurse-server closet which acts as a miniature supply room. The closet can be stocked with medical and surgical supplies, linen packs and other utensils necessary for patient care. The top half of the closet is used for clean supplies and the bottom for soiled supplies.

Bathrooms adjoin the patient rooms. They have molded fiber glass shower stalls, grab bars and shatterproof safety plexiglass. The shower stalls have curved corners instead of right-angle corners to expedite and ensure thorough cleaning.

The patients' beds are equipped with push-button controls to regulate their head, foot and height positions. Other specifications about the new beds were discussed in the December 1970 issue of **Pulse.**

A pillow-speaker unit provides two-way audio communication between the patient and nurses station. With the unit, a patent can tell the nurse what he needs.

When the patient places his call to the nurses station, the word "Nurse" lights up in white on the side of the wall-mounted television set facing his bed. This light indicates to him that his call is sounding at the station. As soon as the call is acknowledged, "Nurse" changes from a white to a red light, and the patient can now verbalize his request.

Several things may happen after a patient communicates his needs to the nurses station. In addition to the simple acknowledgment of a routine call, the nurse may switch on a green "Reminder" light or a flashing red "Emergency" light outside the patient's door. The color of light turned on at the station is determined by the nurse when she records the patient's request.

Thorough Preparations Noted In New Addition

There is an emergency call cord in all of the bath and tub rooms. When the cord is pulled, it means that the patient needs immediate attention and can't get to an audio unit. The nurse sees and hears the emergency call blinking at the station and moves immediately to investigate the situation and aid the patient. All patient requests for emergency help must be turned off from the patient's room.

The nurse-call system is designed to permit the assignment of priority in the event of simultaneous patient calls for a nurse. For instance, the room of a patient in critical condition or one returning from the recovery room can be given a higher priority than a new ambulatory admission. This feature also enables a nurse coming on the floor to find out what rooms require special attention by simply pushing a read-out button on the nurse-call console.

In addition to providing patient-nurse communication, the pillow-speaker unit also contains the control switches for the colored television sets and the lighting over the patient's bed. With remote controls, a patient can change channels and adjust the volume on his set. However, a maximum volume for the television sets is pre-determined in an attempt to reduce the noise level of each floor.

Modern facilities and the cheerful atmosphere on the floors of the Central addition reflect a continuing trend at the Deaconess Hospital. When you visit the new units, your first reaction may be one of surprise, but in a reflective moment, you'll probably conclude that you didn't expect anything less from NEDH.

Miss Gail Rosen, transcriber, takes a telephone message on Central eleven while Mrs. Mildred Currie, RN and head nurse, supervises Mrs. Kathy Wyman, RN.

Doctors doings

Dr. Mian M. Ashraf, thoracic surgery, was guest speaker at the 10 a.m. service of the First Church in Dedham, December 13.

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Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, internal medicine, lectured about the "Roxbury Medical Group" to both the Mass. Society of Internal Medicine, Hyannisport, May 19, 1970, and the Emerson Hospital, Concord, October 6, 1970. A letter that he wrote to the editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine* was published in the October 1 edition of the journal.

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Dr. Richard A. Christlieb, internal medicine, was elected to an associate fellowship in the American College of Cardiology in December 1970.

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Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, general surgery, addressed the Chilean Chapter of Surgeons in Chile, November 12-13, on "New Techniques of Gastrointestinal Surgical Techniques" and "Also, What Is New In Surgery." While in South America, he spoke to the Congress of Proctology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, about "Modern Trends in Colo-Rectal Surgery" and "Diverticulitis of the Colon." On November 30, he talked to the Association of Military Surgeons, Washington, D. C., about the "Current Surgical Spectrum." On December 1, Dr. Colcock spoke to an assembled group at Philadelphia General Hospital. He attended the American Medical Association's Boston Clinical Convention at the Boston Sheraton, December 2, and participated in a round-table discussion on "The Thyroid Nodule."

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Dr. Constantine J. Maletskos, senior associate at CRI, addressed the divisions of nuclear and medical science at the University of Florida, Gainesville, on "Activation Analysis," October 8. The following day he spoke about "Activation Analysis in Crime Detection" to the Florida Chapter of the Health, Physics Society in Cypress Gardens.

Mrs. Barker Moves To Maine After December Retirement

Mrs. Clara M. Barker, LPN on Palmer 3, retired, December 17, after 11 years of service. She worked on Palmer 3, for the entire time — changing from the day to the evening shift five years ago.

Friends greeted Mrs. Barker at a retirement tea held for her in Harris Hall, December 17 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Mr. Richard Lee, director, gave Mrs. Barker a gold charm bracelet in behalf of the hospital and Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing, presented her with a charm from the nursing service department.

Before joining the Deaconess in 1959, Mrs. Barker operated a convalescent home in Brookline and then worked at one in Newton Center. She received her taining at Shepard Gill School for Practical Nurses on Newbury Street.

After deciding to retire, Mrs. Barker bought a mobile home in Brunswick, Maine. Since she was raised in that state, many of her friends and a few members of her family live there.

Extensive travel plans constitute a great deal of Mrs. Barker's future. During the coming year, she is planning a partial winter in Florida, a summer on one of her brother's schooners in Maine, a cross-country trip and a European tour with her daughter's family.

In between trips, Mrs. Barker will indulge in her more quiet pastimes, such as: needlepoint, knitting and gardening.

Mrs. Clara M. Barker, LPN, is flanked by Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing, and Mr. Richard Lee, director of NEDH, at her retirement party. Waiting to greet her are: (background l. to r.) Miss Gloria Hayes, staffing coordinator of nursing services; Miss Lois Preston, associate director of nursing services; and Miss Susan Wade, RN from the special care unit.

Student Nurses Hostess Open House

Miss Debbie Sykes, senior at Millis High School; Miss Brenda Kelsey, student nurse; Mr. Stephan Irving, nurses aide; and Miss Judy Tucker (far left), student nurse; watch Mr. Robert Irving, nurses aide, apply a blood-pressure cuff to the arm of Mrs. Antonetta Parillo, nurses aide.

Boston-area high school students and nurses aides from the Deaconess attended an open house organized by NEDH student nurses on December 16. The afternoon event in Harris Hall gave visitors an opportunity to become involved in a few basic nursing procedures. This is a contrast to the basic talk and slide syndrome of many open houses.

Invitations were extended to juniors and seniors of the Boston school systems, to NEDH high-school age volunteers and to children of NEDH employees. Students attending the open house represented: Hanover High, Millis High, South Boston High and Brighton High.

NEDH student nurses showed their guests various nursing techniques, such as: changing dressings, making a bed occupied by a patient, taking blood pressure and applying head and foot bandages. After watching the demonstrations, visitors were given a chance to experiment with the nursing procedures.

This is the second open house run by student nurses at the Deaconess. A third one is being planned for the spring.

A Very Special Thank You

The following letter signifies the characteristics of love, compassion and sincerity. It was mailed to NEDH with no return address and no signature. The message it conveys is sensitive and worthy of reflection.

"When I left work last Thursday night and walked out into the darkness and had gone on a few paces and turned a corner, suddenly there is was, the multi-colored lights on top of the new Deaconess building. Walking along a little farther, it took the shape of a tree with a star on top. It struck me as being so symbolic of the hope and joy there is in Christ Jesus whose birthday we are celebrating. I thought of the sickness, heartache and sorrow that has transpired in the buildings beneath the tree, and then I walked down the street, looking back now and then to gaze at the beauty of the tree and star against the black sky and thrill to the great joy and hope which seemed to emanate from the depth of my heart. Thank you."

NEDH Active In Careers Exposition

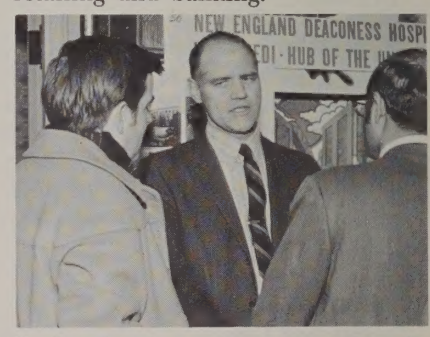
The Deaconess was one of over 150 area firms participating in the Fifth Annual New England Careers Exposition on January 8 and 9. Held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, the exposition attracted more than 15,000 students and other career seekers. Booths were opened from 1 - 7 p.m. on January 8 and from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on January 9.

Careers Exposition provides students with a unique opportunity to consider their future. By bringing personnel from individual companies and career seekers into one central locaton, the exposition enables them to share ideas and discuss career opportunities. The New England Careers Exposition is the largest careers conference in the country.

Representing the Deaconess Hospital at the exposition were: Mr. Russell Jenks and Mr. Paul Torres, personnel department; Miss Anne Howard, admissions counselor for the NEDH School of Nursing; Miss Donna Cooper and Miss Brenda Kelsey, student nurses; Miss Kathy McGraile, medical technology student; Miss Valerie Marshall, medical technologist; Mrs. Linda Harding and Miss Lorraine Scaduto, high school trainees in the chemistry laboratory; and Miss Diane Gulczynski, certified operating room technician. Miss Gulcyznski represented the operating room and respiratory therapy technician training programs.

Literature about career opportunities and training programs at NEDH were available at the Deaconess' booth. In addition to explaining a model of an operating room to interested visitors, the nursing students, laboratory personnel and Miss Gulczynski were on hand to discuss their training requirements and experiences.

Careers Exposition is sponsored by the Boston **Herald Traveler** and the Personnel Managers Club of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. In addition to bringing employment opportunities to one central spot for two days, the exposition helps its visitors find booths that relate directly to their specific interests. Major-industry information centers guide visitors to booths that offer careers in areas such as: insurance, education, government, health care, retailing and banking.



Mr. Russell Jenks, employment supervisor, discusses career opportunities with two job seekers at the New England Careers Exposition.

POINTS TO PONDER

"It is our less conscious thoughts and our less conscious actions which mainly mould our lives and the lives of those who spring from us."

Samuel Butler

"Our deeds pursue us from afar; and what we have been makes us what we are."

John Fletcher

"Card games can be expensive; but so can any game where you hold hands."

Maui News

"It takes your enemy and your friend, working together to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you."

Mark Twain

"Choose thy friends like thy books, few but choice."

Jane Howell

"I have no mockings or arguments; I witness and wait."

Walt Whitman

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